

POWER COMPANY FILES ACTION TO RAISE GAS RATES

Application to Increase Charges Is
Made With Public Utilities
Commission Today.

WILL GET HEARING ON MAY 5

Order Is Entered by State Body Sus-
pending Proposed Prices Until
Time of Hearing.

(By Associated Press.)
Springfield, Ill., Jan. 8.—An applica-
tion for an increase in gas rates from
35 cents to one dollar a thousand
cubic feet, affecting Moline and
Rock Island, was filed with the public
utilities commission by the People's
Power company today. An order
was entered suspending the proposed
rates until May 5 pending a hearing.

East Moline and Silvis, in Rock Is-
land county, would also be affected.
The People's Power company is making
its demand for increased gas rates on
the increased cost of production. Company
officials claim the corporation
is losing money right now on the
large consumers and making a
mighty small margin of profit on the
small consumers.

The rate of one dollar per thousand
feet, net, was charged here formerly
for gas, the price being reduced to 35
cents about 18 months ago. Low and
cheap oil are mainly used in the manu-
facture of gas. Company officials point
out that they are now paying \$3 a ton for coal as against \$2.25
three years ago, and that oil is now
costing three cents a gallon as
against two cents last year. The cost
of labor, they add, has also materially
increased. The company holds that
if the rate is not granted there is but
one alternative—receivership.

The present gas rate is arranged
on a sliding scale from 35 cents a
thousand feet to the small consumers,
dropping downward to 25 cents a
thousand feet to the large consum-
ers.

City's Course Undecided.

When told of the action taken by
the People's Power company at
Springfield, Mayor McConnell stated
that the attitude of the city in the
matter had not been determined. "Per-
sonally," said the mayor, "I am op-
posed to the increase. When the com-
pany granted Rock Island a reduction
to 35 cents 18 months ago, the com-
pany officials stated that no further
changes would be made, except for a
reduction. It is probable, however,
that the consumers will be represented.
The hearing in the matter does not
come up until May 5 and we have
plenty of time to consider our course
of action."

Demands for increased gas rates by
utilities companies the country over
are being generally granted. Several
small gas companies in the south and
of the state have already been forced
into receivership.

AMERICAN GIRLS HELP IN FRANCE

Small Band From Smith College in U.
S. Are Now Mothering Stricken
People in War Zone.

French Front.—(Correspondence.)—
A small band of Smith college girls is
mothering the distressed populations
of those districts of France devastated
by the Germans before they were
forced to retreat last spring by the
victorious French and British troops
who had hampered them on the
Somme. The correspondent of The
Associated Press passed a day with
the young women in the war zone
where they have arrived to install
themselves in the midst of the stricken
people. They have made their
headquarters in the grounds of the
Chateau de Robert Court. There they
live in shacks and portable houses in
sight of the blackened ruins of the
castle, burned by the Germans. From
this center they go to 12 villages which
have been taken over for relief by
the American college girls. Before the
war they had altogether a population
of approximately 4,600. Now this line
has been reduced to about 1,200.

The American "angels of mercy," as
the Smith college girls are known,
brought with them from America or
purchased in Paris large stores of ar-
ticles of first necessity for the people.
Many of the peasants had money
which they had been able to conceal
from the Germans, and these people
were quite willing to pay for articles
provided by the American girls. Others
among the peasants were destitute of
both goods and money and for these
the American girls made charitable
provision.

The girls brought motor trucks, and
several of them are motor drivers.
Once or twice a week each of the vil-
lages in their district receives a visit
from a party of the girls in their
trucks which are loaded with necessities,
and these are sold to the peasants
at cost price or less, and thus many
of the needs of the people are met.
Food, linen, clothing, furniture, kitchen
utensils and live chickens and rab-
bits are most desired.

Other branches of assistance to the
people take the form of a traveling
dispensary, the giving of medical ad-
vice by the two women doctors from
Smith college who are members of the
squad, the foundation of nurseries for
the care of the smaller infants while
their mothers are working, and the
establishment of play rooms for the
other children.

The care of the children is one of
the most important parts of the girls'
work. In the first place, the little
ones have to be taught to play, for
during the German occupation they
were not allowed to do so and in most
cases had forgotten how to amuse
themselves in simple games. It is
wonderful how soon they learn under
the American girls' encouragement and
leadership. Then the neglected little
ones are taken in hand and taught the
value of cleanliness and neatness. For
the women much help is provided in
the way of sewing classes and instruc-
tion in modern hygiene.

FIRST NATIVE OF CITY TO WIN STRAPS IN LOCAL BATTERY SINCE WAR STARTED

Willard Larkin is the first native of
Rock Island to rise from the ranks in
the local battery to a commission in
the United States army since the out-
break of the war.

Word from Camp Logan, Houston,
Texas, where Battery F, One Hundred
Twenty-third Field Artillery, is in
training, is that he has been awarded
a commission as second lieutenant.
Although recently several members of
Battery F were advanced to fill vacancies
in the list of commissioned officers,
in Battery F, none was a native
of the city.

Lieutenant Larkin's advancement
has been rapid. He enlisted in Com-
pany A of the Sixth regiment, Illinois
National Guard, in the latter part of
May of last year and was first placed
on recruiting duty at the front of
the McLea store. Later he was made
corporal and then sergeant. He
attended for officer's course at a train-
ing camp at Camp Logan.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J.
Larkin, 1314 Thirteenth street. He is
a graduate of the Rock Island high
school, having completed his course
four years ago. He went to the
University of Illinois for two years.



Lieutenant Willard Larkin.

Obituary

Mrs. T. M. Daugherty.
M. E. Daugherty, 622 Twenty-ninth
street, has received word of the death
of his wife, Mrs. T. M. Daugherty,
which occurred yesterday at Ottawa,
Illinois, an operation performed in
Chicago. The funeral will be held
Friday and Mr. Daugherty will attend
the service. Mrs. Daugherty has often
resided in the city and is well known
here.

Mary E. Russell.
Mrs. Mary E. Russell, aged 73, died
in the home of her daughter, Mrs.
Robert Atkinson, 723 Seventh street,
at 10:30 this morning, having been
ill of pneumonia two weeks. Funeral
services will be held at 2:30 Satur-
day afternoon in the Second Methodist
church of Moline, conducted by Rev.
Oliver H. Henshaw, the pastor. Inter-
ment will be in Rock River View
cemetery.

Mrs. E. D. Dore was born in Lynn,
Mass., Sept. 6, 1844. She was married
there to Samuel S. Henshaw, Jan. 30,
1869. They came to Illinois 27 years
ago, locating in South Moline. Mrs.
Henshaw died March 20, 1908, and five
years ago Mrs. Henshaw went to the
home of her daughter, Mrs. Atkinson,
to reside.

Surviving are eight sons and daugh-
ters, 12 grandchildren and 17 great-
grandchildren. The children are
Charles F. Henshaw, Milwaukee; An-
thony A. Henshaw, Chicago; Mrs. O. A.
Carrington, Moline; Leona A. Henshaw,
Port Huron, Mich.; Ernest F. Henshaw,
Rock Island; Mrs. Robert Atkinson,
Rock Island; Mrs. William Edwards,
South Rock Island; Mrs. Frank Huf-
fard, Moline.

Mrs. Henshaw was a member of the
Second Methodist church of Moline, of
the Woman's Relief corps of Moline,
and the Woman's Christian Temperance
union of Moline.

Miss Edna Marie Obiweiler.
Miss Edna Marie Obiweiler died at
12 noon today at the home of her
parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Obiweiler, 324
Seventeenth street, after a week's ill-
ness of pneumonia.

Miss Obiweiler was born in Rock
Island, Sept. 12, 1898, and has been
a lifelong resident of this city. She
attended the Rock Island public
schools and the Villa de Chantel for
six years. Recently she has been a
student at Augustana college. She
was a member of the Trinity Episco-
pal church. During her life she had
won many friends and was popularly
and well known, not only in the
young set but in the city in general.
Her death will come as a great sur-
prise to many, as only for the last
week has she been ill.

Surviving are the parents, Mr. and
Mrs. John Obiweiler, and two brothers,
John and Bert, all at home.

Funeral services will be held at the
late home at 2 o'clock Friday after-
noon. Rev. W. L. Lewis, pastor of the
Trinity Episcopal church, will of-
ficiate. Interment will be in Chip-
planoack.

Mrs. Mary Hebble.
Word has been received in Rock Is-
land of the death of Mrs. Mary Hebble
of Baldwin, Iowa. Mrs. Hebble died
Jan. 2, at the home of her daughter,
Mrs. J. A. Potter of Waterloo, Iowa.
Mrs. Hebble was formerly a resident
of this city and is survived by two
brothers and one sister, John and
Henry Hebble and Mrs. John Schach
of this city.

EFFECTS OF A DEAD SAILOR ARE SOLD

London.—Dead men's effects are
sold at auction on the ship's deck by
an old custom in the British navy.
Prices cut off all proportion to the
value of goods are often realized for
the man's heirs, especially if the late
owner was popular with his ship-
mates.

Purely personal belongings, such as
letters and photographs, are first
taken out to be forwarded to the de-
ceased's relatives. Then, as soon as
the official auction is obtained, the rest
of the articles are taken to a conven-
ient part of the ship and offered for
sale. The master-at-arms acts as auc-
tioneer.

Bidders who have obtained the small
articles from such an auction some-
times throw back their purchases for
re-sale until as many jacks as feel
inclined have had a chance of con-
tributing something towards the as-
sistance of the dead man's next-of-kin.
Thus these little sales become the lower
deck's way of taking up a charitable
collection.

The kit of a deserter is similarly
sold at auction, the proceeds going to
the national treasury. But the whole
outfit rarely fetches more than a few
shillings, as many sailors regard the
possession of articles formerly belong-
ing to a deserter as undesirable. If
not unlucky.

All the news all the time—The
Argus.

FALL OFF BRIDGE KILLS MILAN MAN

Dead Body of Swan Johnson, Employ-
ed by United States Government,
Is Found on Top of Ice.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DETAILS

How He Came to Be Plunged from
Railroad Structure Over Rock
River Is Not Solved.

Swan Johnson of Milan was killed
last night when he fell off the Rock
Island railroad bridge over Rock
river.

The body was not discovered until
this afternoon. An engineer on the
Rock Island railroad noticed the re-
mains lying under the bridge and
notified the engineers in charge of the
Hempshire canal, who notified Coroner
John Miller. It was necessary to re-
move ice around the body in order to
dislodge it. When Johnson had fallen
he must have been instantly killed as
there were no marks of any kind to
show that he had attempted to move.
The heat from his body had melted the
snow and ice in the river, and as the
blood thickened and the body grew
cold, the ice and snow froze, holding
him solidly.

It is not known whether the accident
was due to a train which might have
hurled him from the bridge, or whether
he accidentally slipped a misstep.
The remains were brought to Rock
Island by Coroner Miller and taken to
the Wheeling undertaking parlors.
He was 72 years old and employed by
the government on the canal.

HEALTH CONDITIONS BEST AT CAMP CODY

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Jan. 8.—The
evening Gazette which has been con-

ducting an investigation at Camp Cody
relative to health conditions, today
prints a communication from Senator
Kenyon in which he submits a report
made by Surgeon General M. C. Gor-
gas of conditions at the camp. The
number of pneumonia deaths from
Nov. 16 to Dec. 25 was given as 40 and
the total number of deaths at 54. The
Gazette had urged that pneumonia pa-
tients be moved to lower altitudes but
General Gorgas did not believe this
to be wise, saying that the weakened
condition of the men made the long
train journey dangerous to them. Gen-
eral Gorgas says every precaution is
being taken to safeguard health of
the men and that conditions at Camp
Cody are better than in any other cam-
pment.

CHICAGOANS UNITE TO DIG SELVES OUT

Chicago, Jan. 9.—After nearly three
days during which thousands of men,
women and children have huddled
from morning till night to clear the
streets of snow, Chicago today still
was struggling to free herself of the
great drifts left by Sunday's blizzard
which tied up traffic to such an extent
that the city practically was without
milk for two days and faced a serious
fuel famine.

Today, although many side streets
and are impassable the situation ap-
pears brightened and by daylight it is
thought the city virtually will be back
in its normal condition if the weather
improves. Railroads are running
their passenger trains practically on
time and freight trains, though light,
are moving regularly.

SOLD: ONE DISTILLERY.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 8.—Announcement
was made here today of the sale of
Gracie Brothers and company, distil-
lers to the United States Industrial
Alcohol company of New York. It is
understood the distillery will be re-
constructed for the manufacture of
chemicals.

ANNUAL SESSION OF GRACE CHURCH

Name Officers for Year, Hear Reports
of Societies and Increase Pas-
tor's Salary.

The annual business session of the
congregation of Grace Lutheran
church was held yesterday evening at
the church when the following offi-
cers were named:

Deacons—J. M. Anderson, F. N.
From and William Bohman.
Trustees—Andrew Kempe, Grant
Hultberg, V. L. Frykman and Dr. G.
A. Nelson.

Delegates to the Illinois confer-
ence—J. M. Anderson and G. E. Nel-
son.

Delegates to the Association of Eng-
lish Churches—David Beckstrom, El-
mer Holmgren.

Delegates Rock Island Mission dis-
trict—Walter Schroeder, V. L. Fryk-
man.

Secretary of congregation—Eric
Holmgren.

Organist—Miss Ruth Carlmark.
The total income for the year for
the running expenses of the church
was \$2,384.12, and for benevolence
\$399.85. Dr. C. W. Poes, superintend-
ent of the Sunday school, reported 232
pupils enrolled. All branches of the
church work were reported as being
in satisfactory condition, having ex-
perienced the best year in the history
of the church. The congregation rais-
ed the salary of the pastor \$15 a month.
At Christmas time he was given a gift
of \$200 from the congregation.

PREPARATORY SERVICES.

The sacrament of the holy com-
munion will be celebrated at Broad-
way Presbyterian church next Sunday
morning when the pastor, Rev. John
McGowan Stevenson, will preach. Ser-
vices preparatory to communion will
be held this evening at 7:30 in the
church when the pastor will preach
the sermon.

PERSONAL POINTS

W. W. Church, 609 Thirteenth ave-
nue, will tomorrow celebrate his 89th
birthday anniversary.

FEDERAL AGENTS TO ACT IN ARCHER CASE

United States Deputy Marshal Pet-
erson conferred with the local police
today regarding the case of Frank
Archer, who is being held as a slacker.
Archer, who is a teamster, resides in
Davenport and the federal authorities
there will take up his case as quickly
as he has served a 10-day sentence at
the county jail here. He will be ar-
raigned before Commissioner Bush at
the expiration of his term. When ar-
rested why he did not register June 5,
Archer replied that he did not have
time. Archer can either be inducted
into the service immediately or sen-
tenced to serve a term at Fort Leav-
enworth.

ONE IS MOVIE ACTOR.

The disclosures by the intelligence
officers followed the attempt yester-
day of N. A. Myles to secure his re-
lease from detention by a writ of ha-
beas corpus. The application dis-
closed that Myles, a motion picture
actor, had been in custody for sev-
eral days at Fort McArthur and that
his home had been searched by army
men under the orders of the intelli-
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ARSENAL CARPENTER IS SERIOUSLY HURT

Alfred Hedlock, carpenter on the
army unit who resides in Davenport,
was seriously and perhaps fatally in-
jured, while at work yesterday. His
fall in some manner, his jaw being
fractured, and he received internal in-
juries. He was taken to the Mercy
hospital in Davenport.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

The store that
keeps the
cost of living
down.

FISK & LOOSLEY CO.
DEPARTMENT STORE
MOLINE ILL.

If it isn't right
tell us.
We'll make
it right.

**Selling Out All the Women's Winter Coats. Sharp
Reductions. Plush or heavy cloth Coats, have been
\$40.00 to \$10.00: choose now at \$27.50 to \$8.50.**

Women's Coney Fur Melon Muffs.
Fifty muffs, by today's express di-
rect from New York, go on sale Thurs-
day in our Ready-to-Wear Department;
mostly the wanted melon shape, of
black, taupe and brown Coney, satin
lined, some with velvet lining; real-
ly \$5.00 and \$6.00 values, these new
muffs go on sale at \$3.50 each. Choice
\$3.50.

Navy Blue Serge Dresses, \$15.00
One lot women's blue serge dresses,
one-piece models in smart, new, tail-
ored styles distinctively featuring silk
braid stitching and buttons; sizes 16,
18, 36, 38, 40 and 42. These dresses
made to sell for up to \$25.00 on sale at
just one price: choice \$15.00.

**About 50 pairs ladies' shoes (sizes to 4 1/2) several
styles: patent and gun metal mat top and cloth top,
some tans; worth to \$3.50: choose for \$1.98 pair.**

Comfort Items for Cold Weather:

**Women's and misses' cap and scarf
sets, fancy plaids and stripes, all bright
colors: \$2.50 and \$2.98 set.**
**Brushed wool fringed scarfs, shaped
back; rose, Copen, green, yellow or
white with fancy stripes: \$2.98 and
\$2.50.**
**Women's wool knit sweaters; 'slip-
on' middy styles or belted coat style;
Copen, rose, cardinal, green, gray and
navy: \$7.50, \$6.98, \$5.00 to \$3.50.**
**Heavy, warm knit petticoats, gray
with colored stripes, and crocheted
edges: \$1.50 and \$1.25.**
**Women's flannelette kimono, bright,
pretty patterns, high empire or belted
styles: \$2.75 to \$1.25.**
**Children's \$2.50 white curly bear-
skin coats—ages 2 to 6 years: choose at
\$1.50 each.**
**Fine woolen blankets, fancy pink,
blue and tan plaids, worth today \$10.00,
while they last \$7.50 pair.**
**Wool finish plaid blankets, pinks,
blues and grays: \$4.25 pair.**
**Three-quarter size, well fleeced cot-
ton blankets: grays and tans with pink
or blue borders: \$1.25 pair.**
**All-wool blankets; still an assortment
at 1917 prices at a saving of \$2.00 to
\$5.00 a pair: \$15.00, \$12.50; \$10.98
and \$10.00 pair.**
**Silkoline covered, yarn tied, full size
bed comforts: \$1.98 each.**
**Full size silkoline comfort, with fig-
ured sateen top, 9-inch plain sateen
stitched border: \$3.50 each.**
**Genuine Maish cotton filled com-
forts, silkoline covered in assorted pat-
terns and colors: \$5.98, \$4.50 and \$3.98
each.**

**Ladies' fleeced knit vests and pants worth on to-
day's costs at least 75c, all sizes 36 to 44, choose for
39c a garment.**

**Groceries, Thursday. Some Fisk & Loosley prices to help keep the cost of living
down.**

**Gran. Sugar, 3 lbs. for 23c
delivered if with other gro-
ceries.**
"America's Cup" coffee, 27 1/2c lb.
"Blue Ribbon" macaroni, 10c pkg.
Fresh prunes, 10c lb.
Canned pears, large can, 10c.
**Jersey Cream Flour \$2.89
sack.**
**Potatoes, best northern
stock, \$1.59 bu.**
Canned hominy, canned red
beans, canned string beans, 2 for
25c.
Raspberry jam, glass jar, 25c.
Summer sausage, 29c lb.
**Rye Flour, healthful, eco-
nomic, 20 lb. sack \$1.19**
Dried beef, sliced thin and even,
half pound, 25c.
Canned beef loaf, 30c lb.
Longhorn cheese, 35c lb.
Pink salmon, tall can, 19c.
Lima beans, 15c lb.
Slender's catsup, large, 29c.

**Save on Butter, use Golden Rule Butter; looks like the best 55c
creamery butter, tastes like it, just as healthful; pound prints 23c**

**An odd lot of kid gloves, washable capes, lamb-
skins, etc., worth to \$2.00; all sizes. A rare bar-
gain here—75c pair.**

**Here's a Clearance Sale that
should have the immediate atten-
tion of every Woman and Miss
not yet supplied with a New
Winter Coat, Suit or Dress.**

Every woman, however particular or
economically inclined, will find the
styles, qualities and values absolutely
above reproach, for there are no special
purchases, no job lots, nothing but our
own carefully selected stocks, now radi-
cally reduced to effect a thorough and
complete clearance of winter apparel.

**Women who want
Coats or Suits in
Extra Sizes**

will be particularly pleased with the va-
rieties of smart, warm winter garments
included.

**Turn this Opportunity to your
Advantage—**

From the present outlook another such occasion may
not occur again for seasons to come.



The Skirt Section

has scored another success with the remarkable values at

\$3.95, \$5.00 and \$7.50

There are hundreds for choice—serges, silk poplins,
taffetas, satins—plaids, checks, stripes, mixtures, plain
shades. The variety as well as the pricing is a big attrac-
tive feature of the sale.

<p>Stylish Serviceable Silk Petticoats reduced to \$3.75 and \$5.00 Many different styles, regular and extra sizes, some with silk jersey top. Silk Flounce Petticoats, \$1.95</p>	<p>Warm Wool Sweater Coats For women and girls \$3.75 and \$5.00 Beited styles in plain and fancy weaves and brushed effects. Padded Silk Jackets, \$1.00</p>
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**1/4 Children's Coats 1/4
and All Furs 1/4
Now Selling at
One-fourth Off 1/4**

The Bee Hive
Second and Brady Davenport